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REPORT OF BISHOP-IN-COUNCIL

Attendances at meetings of the Bishop-in-Council from April 2010 to March 2011:

The Council met on the following dates –

27 April 2010	26 October 2010
29 June 2010	07 December 2010
24 August 2010	22 February 2011

N^o of meetings – Bishop-in-Council = 6.

Ex Officio

The Right Revd GC Fryar	6	His Honour Judge GT Britton	2
The Venerable JS McKim	6	Mrs M Purcell	5
Mr GT Strickland–In Attendance	6	Mr J Thurecht	6
The Revd SP Schwarzrock	1	The Revd Canon JE Whitehead	5
The Revd Canon CD Venables	5	The Revd MP Donaldson	6
The Revd D Potter	4	The Revd Canon KW Raff	5
The Revd P Ward	5	The Revd J Coleman	4
Mrs VD Gribble	6	Mrs RM Webb	5
Mr HE St Pierre	5	Mrs LJM Jensen	6
Mr J Compton	3	Mr DH Rees	5
Dr P Shade	2	Mr SG Robinson	3

RESOLUTIONS OF SYNOD 2010
Requiring action by Bishop-in-Council

MOTION 8 - ARCHIVES

That Synod requests Bishop-in-Council to urgently consider the provision of adequate and suitable space and equipment for the preservation and accessibility of Diocesan Archive Records

Still in preparation

MOTION 11 - GENDER EXCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

That this Synod request Bishop-in-Council to review the gender exclusive language, and outdated terms, contained in the Synod Canon 1893-2005, and propose amendments to be considered at the 2011 Synod.

To be addressed as part of this legislative program

MOTION 13 - EFFECTIVE OUTREACH ACROSS THE DIOCESE

That this Synod request Bishop-in-Council to explore models of effective outreach to youth, young adults and families, and that this finding, study of these effective models (principles) be taught, understood and applied in a culturally relevant way to individual parishes across the Diocese.

Still in process

MOTION 14 STRATEGIC MINISTRY

That this Synod requests Bishop-in-Council to explore and adopt leadership training strategies to equip leaders in the Strategic Ministry fields of Children, Youth and Young Adults; and Pastoral Care and Christian Counseling which we accept as being essential for future effective ministry at the Church, if not its survival.

Still in process

MAJOR BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL IN 2010

Appointments to Committees, etc

Appointments to boards and committees are made from time to time by Bishop-in-Council. These are reported in the Year Book.

Minimum Recommended Stipends

Bishop-in-Council has continued the now established use of a formula, based on Average Weekly Earnings data published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, for setting minimum stipend rates. The Diocese of North Queensland has moved away from this model this year, for financial reasons.

For 2011, the recommended stipend is the calculated formulaic increase plus the catch-up for 2010 committed to by Bishop-in-Council in 2010.

“Employer” Contributions to Superannuation

The level of employer contributions to superannuation continues at 15%, of which 12% is contributed by parishes and 3% by the diocese. Personal contributions over and above this percentage are a voluntary choice.

Guidelines for Ministry with Children and Youth

An ongoing responsibility under the provisions of the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act* is for volunteer organisations to establish and maintain an annual written risk management plan. Bishop-in-Council considers this matter in the later half of each year and approves a plan to cover the period 1 January to 31 December.

The risk management plan for 2011 is under review in the light of regulatory changes in 2010.

Policy Development

The task of developing policies to guide decisions of Bishop-in-Council is an ongoing matter.

During the year the revised Investment of Diocesan Funds policy continued to be implemented, concentrating on maximising financial return, while protecting the capital base of investments.

Amendments to Diocesan Canons

This synod will address gender inclusivity and other archaic language in the Synod Canon 1893-2010.

Various canons of General Synod 2010 need to be assented to by Diocesan Synod, being: Long Service Leave Canon 2010; and several minor amendments to the Constitution.

Trust Accounts – Interest Rates

The interest rate paid by the Diocese on those funds of parishes and other diocesan organisations that are deposited in what is commonly known as the Trust Accounts was increased by Bishop-in-Council from 3.96% to 5.00% with effect from 1 January 2011. This is in line with increasing interest rates in Australia and in line with rates achievable by the Diocese on funds invested.

Parishes are encouraged to deposit trust and other funds that are surplus to immediate needs with the Diocese and take advantage of the higher interest rate that comes from aggregation. All funds are held “at call” and are available simply on request from the Parish Council (or equivalent governing body of the organisation).

Diocesan Property

“Kershaw House” Function Centre

Since February 2009 the Diocese has run the function centre itself with the capable hands of Ms Liz Taylor, and assisted by an energetic and enthusiastic team of staff. The Treasurer’s Report shows that Kershaw House returned a loss of just under \$37,000 for 2010.

Attempts to lease the function centre to a third party have come to nought, and at its April 2011 meeting Bishop-in-Council decided to close the functions business with effect from 31st July 2011. Bookings made for dates after that time will be assisted to relocate to other premises, and deposits paid will be refunded.

St James, Mary Street, Yeppoon

The former rectory has been rented commercially. The Yeppoon affiliate of a major real estate agent has been engaged to market the church and hall buildings for removal from site

Land at Parkhurst

Sale of the Parkhurst land (less 2.71 hectares encompassing St John’s Church and the residence) was substantially completed in June 2007. The land has since been sold again, and there still remains the formal subdivision of our 2.71 hectares, which is proceeding through various legal processes. Regular services are still held at St

John's church, and the adjacent house is currently rented to an Anglican clergy family.

160-174 Musgrave Street, North Rockhampton

This property was fully leased during 2009. Diocesan property now covers the entire eastern Musgrave Street block between Elphinstone and Burnett Streets with good street frontages. The shops covering 160-162 Musgrave Street are in process of redevelopment to build four new offices which will be leased by Anglicare CQ. 164 Musgrave Street which is currently leased by Anglicare CQ is in process of internal refurbishment to provide more usable office space for Anglicare.

Parish Property and Financial Matters

Parish Proposals Requiring Bishop-in-Council Approval

The following Parish property and financial matters were considered by Bishop-in-Council during the past year:

<i>Parish/Organisation</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Action</i>
North Rockhampton	Purchase of 300 Berserker Street adjacent to St David's Church - \$275,000 self-funded	Approved
Keppel	Funding by Diocese for development stage 2 Oak Tree Village, Yeppoon	Declined
Keppel	Approval to negotiate with Oak Tree on lease over Stage 2 Oak Tree Village, Yeppoon	Approved

Asbestos

The presence of asbestos in workplaces had been subject to the provisions of Regulations under the Workplace Health and Safety Act. Audits were conducted in 2002/03 throughout the Diocese on all property irrespective of it being a "workplace" but out of concern for those using and undertaking maintenance on our buildings.

The legislation changed in April 2005 with asbestos now being covered by a Code of Practice issued by the National Health and Safety Commission. Definitions within the Code make it clear that virtually all our buildings that were built prior to 1990, including all churches, are subject to the Code.

In May 2007 Synod approved expenditure in the form of a subsidy to encourage parishes to remove all asbestos from our buildings. The need to clearly establish the situations where asbestos exists, and its condition and hence its priority for removal, together with requirements under the Code – all supported the decision made by Bishop-in-Council in late 2009 to commission Quality Building Management to carry out a further round of inspections. The Diocese has made an allocation of \$26,700 for 2010 to assist in the costs of asbestos removal. In terms of the Code, annual inspections are required to monitor the condition of asbestos materials yet to be removed from buildings. This will remain a significant annual cost to all parishes and Diocesan entities with buildings to maintain.

Parish Contributions – Amounts Outstanding

It is pleasing to report that there are no Parishes with arrears of Parish Contributions.

Staff

The Diocesan Office

The activities of Bishop-in-Council are assisted by a number of people who give generously of their time and talents. In particular, past Diocesan Registrars - Canon Ken Raff and Archdeacon Rob Philp - have been regular helpers at the Diocesan Office, assisting in the updating of property records and the Diocesan Archives respectively. Another “regular” is Mr Aaron Rendell who keeps an eye on our computer systems and whose advice on technology matters is invaluable.

We acknowledge with thanks the professional services provided by:

Auditors: rdl.accountants (*formally known as Renshaw Dawson Lang*); and

Solicitors: Messrs Rees R and Sydney Jones; South & Geldard Solicitors

To our long serving Office Staff –

Mrs Tharini Atchison – Receptionist-DBM/R’s Secretary

Miss Tara Cowen – Accountant

Mrs Caroline Strickland – Bishop’s Secretary

Mr Ralph Atchison – Landscape Maintenance

sincere thanks are extended once again.

To those who have volunteered their services in a variety of capacities, especially during the flooding and clean-up of the Registry offices – our grateful thanks and appreciation.

Mr Gordon Strickland

Diocesan Business Manager/Registrar

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ABORIGINAL & ISLANDER MINISTRY



Woorabinda – In May 2010 Bishop Godfrey wrote to the Parish of North Rockhampton asking if they would be willing to take responsibility for ministry at Woorabinda. The Parish Council agreed and each month a small team travelled to Woori to share with people at a Sunday afternoon service followed by light refreshments. The largest gathering we had during that time was in June when we had seventeen people present for communion, followed by soup and toast! Yet this was unusual... for on Sunday afternoons people were often away from the community for the weekend.

After prayer and reflection we changed the strategy in 2011 to visiting for a full week-day once a month, and church worship on a Sunday afternoon once a month. This has created different spaces to build relationship for people can be visited at work, the schools are open to visit, and the staff of the hospital and nursing home is at full-strength. People have expressed great interest in having services of Thanksgiving for their babies, getting their children Baptised, being prepared for Confirmation, and meeting weekly for Bible study and fellowship. To cut a long story short... on Sunday 27th March three priests from North Rockhampton and a Board Member from Anglicare travelled to Woorabinda for a service that thanked God for the blessing of ten children, baptised a further eight children, and started the parents of all these children on their journey towards Confirmation.

Together with visits twice a month from the team at North Rockhampton, there is the possibility for staff from Wontulp-Bi-Buya in Cairns to visit Woorabinda twice a year to run short courses. Such courses running in the community would encourage and equip the emerging lay leadership.

Please continue to hold the community of Woorabinda in your prayers because there are many signs of hope in the faith life of that community.

Murri Wodja – The monthly shared meals at Murri Wodja have continued and there has been a wonderful witness to God’s Kingdom in this place of meeting. As aboriginal and non-aboriginal people have worshipped together; as Roman Catholics and Anglicans have worshipped together; and as Bishop Brian and Bishop Godfrey have made it a priority to be part of the washing up team after each shared meal!

Indigenous Ministry at Etna Creek Correctional Facility – Each Monday, Edie Joyce has continued to minister to indigenous men in prison and is a mother figure for many. In March 2011 Edie sharpened her prison chaplaincy skills at a conference in Brisbane.

Recognition of Land – The Parish Council of North Rockhampton have proposed to the membership of the Parish that a plaque be put on the wall of St David’s church recognising the significance of the land to the Darumbal people. It reads:

“The Anglican Parish of North Rockhampton acknowledge the Darumbal people as the *first people to love and care for the land on which this church now stands.* We pray for God’s blessing on the Darumbal community, and on all people who now live in this area. Amen.

Nallu nunthi nallu wiyibi, nallu nunthi nallu guinh.
Our land our life, our land our spirit.”

If Parish membership gives approval the Parish will, in consultation with local Elders, mount the plaque during Naidoc Week.

Torres Strait Islander Celebration – Mrs Ann Gila ably coordinated the ‘Coming of the Light’ celebration in July 2010 with a service led by Bishop Godfrey, followed by a re-enactment of the arrival of missionaries to the Torres Strait Islands, and a shared meal.

Australian South Sea Islander Community – In 1994 the Commonwealth Government officially recognised the Australian South Sea Islander community as “a distinct ethnic group in Australia with its own history and culture”. The government acknowledged the injustices of the indentured labour system, the severe disadvantage suffered by those first South Sea Islanders and their descendents, and the contribution this community has made to the culture, history and economy of Australia. In the year 2000 the Queensland State Government similarly recognised the South Sea Islander Community and many South Sea Islanders from our Diocese travelled to Brisbane for that occasion.

The history of South Sea Islanders in Australia is not widely known in our community but there is good opportunity to share the story with congregations on a Sunday close to ‘Recognition Day’ which is the 25th August. A Power Point presentation about the Australian South Sea Islander community will be showing at a display during Synod and this is available for Parishes to use.

The current Queensland Churches Together Indigenous Program Coordinator (CTIPP) is a vibrant singer/song-writer called Georgia Corowa. Georgia has aboriginal (Bundjalung) and South Sea Islander (Tana, Vanuatu) bloodlines and

raises awareness of issues faced by these communities through talks and songs. In 2010 Georgia shared with congregations at North Rockhampton and Woorabinda, and in 2011 has done some fantastic work with music students at the Rockhampton Grammar School. Georgia is based in Brisbane with Queensland Churches Together and can be contacted on 3369 6792.

Canon Cameron Venables

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ANGLICAN GAZETTE



Photo from banner of The Anglican Gazette, designed by Kathy Thompson

I begin this report by acknowledging, with great sadness, the death of Mrs Raelyn James (September 2010) who has given such dedicated service to the Diocese in many ways over many years and particularly for the last four years as Editor of the Gazette. Raelyn had a great affinity with people and was able to bring this skill to the Gazette with a growing concentration on publishing news from country parishes and what was happening in the secular world which influenced Central Queensland. But in acknowledging that the Gazette needs to be not only a “newspaper of the Diocese, but a newspaper for the Diocese” (Raelyn’s words from her 2010 report) news also needs to be included from the national church and the Anglican Communion and general articles of interest. My short time as a fill-in editor highlighted the hours of reading that Raelyn would have completed to sift through the many items that are found on the Gazette email, on the web and in other diocesan publications from around Australia.

Raelyn’s illness prevented her from completing the May edition of the Gazette which would have featured the 2010 Synod and there was no further Gazette published until September 2010. Because there had been fewer publications the September issue was much larger and printed in colour and colour printing has continued for the rest of 2010. It certainly makes for a more attractive publication and needs to be considered within budgetary restraints in 2011.

The Gazette continues to be an in-house production from beginning to end. I have been very grateful for the assistance of the Diocesan staff in leading me through processes and in preparing the document for printing and distribution. Some parishes faithfully send in an article most months and thanks go to the parish Gazette correspondents. There are a number of parishes who rarely if ever contribute articles. I would encourage these parishes to look for a suitable correspondent so that their stories are published.

The Bishop is now considering the appointment of a new Editor to continue the high standard of the Gazette as an important tool of this Diocese.

Val Gribble
Editor

The Anglican Gazette September to December 2010.

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DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

While 2011 has already proved to be a disastrous year for the physical surrounds of the Diocesan Office building, the archives storage area escaped dry and intact. I think that there may be a message in that for those who believe that perhaps records and archives are a waste of resources. Whichever way it goes we are grateful for the help of those who took precautionary measures and worked so hard during the “event” itself.

Much needs to be done in the policy and everyday storage and cataloguing areas – the task will certainly outlast the present archivist. The damage to the building has caused a major disruption to the work.

There are still a significant body of records housed in the old storage space in the Musgrave street building and only very rudimentary cataloguing of any records has been undertaken.

May I make a request that only Parish records which apply to the Diocese or major works which are required by Canon to be forwarded to the Diocese be sent in as space is very limited.

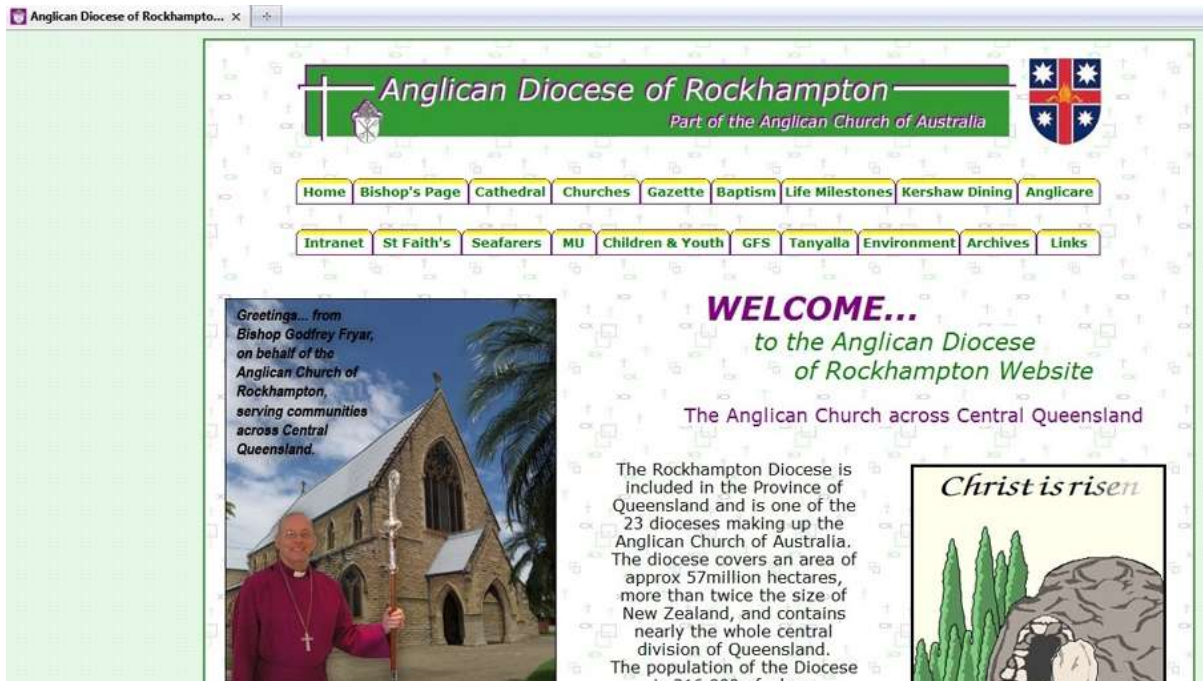
We still carry on with the help of the Office staff and Canon Raff for which we are really grateful. The interest of any synod members would also be appreciated and valued.

The Venerable Dr Rob Philp
Diocesan Archivist

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DIOCESAN WEB SITE
www.anglicanrock.org.au



The Diocesan Web Site is now in its 15th year of operation, and, particularly in the last decade, continues to assist in making the church available to the wider community.

Statistics provided by Google Analytics show, over a typical 4 week period in February, a total of 1,114 visits from 922 different people in 41 different countries or territories. Of these, 837 were from Australia, with most of the balance being from United Kingdom, USA, New Zealand, Canada and Papua New Guinea, but also including China, Russia and Africa. It is interesting to note that internet servers now translate frequently used pages into the languages of the countries they serve, and statistics show that our Baptism pages have been translated into some Germanic and Spanish languages. Half our visitors came to the Website through search engines, which, by noting the keywords being used to make the search, gives us a clue to what people are searching for. The top keywords being used were named the diocese, particular parishes or specific clergy, but very many keywords related to the Sacraments of the church, especially Baptism. In a significant number of cases, visitors stayed on the site a long time or looked at many different pages.

At the peak of the Rockhampton floods on 12th and 13th January, over 65 people per day were accessing site.

Out of the 77 pages of the Diocesan Website, the 5 pages most frequently visited are Home Page, Find a Church, Symbols of Baptism, the Cathedral and the Bishop's

letter. Other frequently visited pages include Baptism, the Gazette, Tanyalla, the Intranet, External Links, the parish pages for North Rockhampton, Gladstone, Keppel and Wandal, Mission to Seafarers, St Faiths, the Lord's Prayer, Archives and Anglicare.

Significant effort is continually made to keep the Home Page interesting and up to date. An animated image is frequently changed to match the season of the liturgical year; worship service times for Christmas and Easter across the Diocese are seasonally listed; and various appeals such as the Christchurch Earthquake appeal and ministry vacancies for our Diocese and the wider church are listed for a few weeks at a time. Details of coming events are also on the Home Page when available, and may be supplied by parishes and ministry groups to be listed for up to two months before the event.

During this last year, the Website team has also made a detailed entry about the Diocese in Wikipedia, but readers should be aware that, as with all Wikipedia entries, the original format and information may be changed at any time by other people. Nevertheless, it is well to note that some visitors to our own Website have come directly from the Wikipedia entry, with some spending significant time exploring the site.

As always, parishes and ministry groups are asked to advise change of details to keep our website useful and relevant.

Canon Janne Whitehead, Webmaster; janne.whitehead@gamil.com
Mrs Kathy Thompson, Site Technician

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE



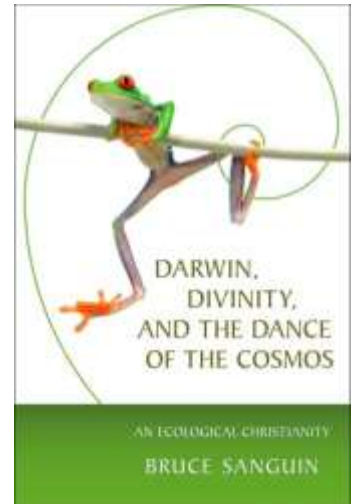
Flood Review – The Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) is calculated from the monthly or seasonal fluctuations in the air pressure difference between Tahiti and Darwin. Depending on where you are in the world it seems that variations in the SOI bring particular intensities of weather. While the high surface water temperatures of El Nino brought years of drought to our part of the world, the cooler sea surface temperatures of La Nina brought cyclonic rains. Those recent extraordinary rains resulted in many parts of our Diocese being flooded: damaging road and rail infrastructure, destroying homes and businesses, drowning stock, damaging fences, and temporarily closing coal mines.

At the same time our water table was renewed, our dams, rivers and water tanks over-flowed, and the country is the greenest it's been for many years. With the significant plant growth of this period there will be major challenges ahead for those who manage our National Parks, cattle properties, and roads. For when the new growth dies and dries it will become potential fuel for massive future fires.

National Church – As a nation we have watched the rains flood many areas of Queensland and other States... while bush fires burnt in Western Australia. The General Synod Environment Working Group drafted a position paper on the Murray-Darling Basin which didn't mention the impact of rains received in that catchment over the last four months. Feed-back from members of our Commission to that Committee were well received, and the paper is being re-written. In addition we requested the national committee to draft position papers on the following three areas:

1. The impact of mining on the environment
(best practice / worst practice)
2. The impact of cattle farming on the environment
(best practice / worst practice)
3. A theological reflection contrasting humanity as *part of* creation, rather than *apart from* it.

Book Review – Members of the Commission met together for eight weeks to work through a promising study by the Canadian theologian Bruce Sanguin based on his book 'Darwin, Divinity, and the Dance of the Cosmos.' Unfortunately the book was not as good as it looked and it helped us to clarify what we did not believe about an emerging ecological Christianity, rather than what we did believe! One of the most stimulating exercises in the book was the invitation to write a Covenant with God grounded in an awareness of environment. In that creative writing process we agreed that Covenants can be more action orientated than Creeds and there are implications in this for the words we use in worship and Christian formation.



To give an idea of how a Covenant looks and sounds here is a Covenant written by Judy Shepherd:

“If you will be my God, I will be your child.
I will try to look for you in all people and all things

I will listen for the whisper of your voice in the gently blowing breezes
that cool my face and quiet my mind.

I will see you in the ever-changing beauty of this world -
the diversity of earth's creatures
the sparkling stars and planets of the night sky.

I will wonder at the awesomeness of the giant eucalypt,
the fragility of plants and ferns
and the delicate petals of a rose.

In the ordinary, everyday business of living -
the busyness of daily work
the wonder of a small child's touch
a loving embrace
the pain of loss and the joy of renewal

I will remember your affirming, life-giving spirit, your love...
and give thanks.”

Community Gardening – When I was growing up in London my Dad had an allotment which was a small plot of land (30m x 10m) leased from the local council for a nominal fee. Dad used this land to stretch a limited budget by growing vegetables for us to eat and they included potatoes, carrots, parsnips, cauliflower, cabbage, brussel-sprouts, broccoli, marrows, zucchini, tomatoes, rhubarb, lettuces, cucumber, radishes, beetroot and leeks. There were probably about forty other men that had similar sized plots on that particular allotment.

I was reminded of this allotment when I started working at the Rockhampton Grammar school because at the back of one hall they have built a series of raised

garden beds for the Primary school. Under the supervision of a Primary teacher each lunch break the students grow an extra-ordinary range of vegetables. One of the things that struck me in this is that many of the kids who come to help weed and plant and water and prune are the kids that are struggling for some reason. The great thing is that after forty minutes of gardening and looking after the chooks they leave... tangibly happier and more together.

In an age where our meat and vegetables come pre-wrapped there are many young people who have never grown their own food and consequently missed out on activities filled with God stuff: composting, planting, watering, weeding, nurturing, and harvesting. As a Diocese could we encourage our people to grow some veggies and encourage them to meet God in the midst of what this entails?

Canon Cameron Venables

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HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

It gives me great pleasure to present this report to Synod regarding chaplaincy at the Rockhampton Hospital for the past year.

My main point of contact with the hospital is by visiting people who have indicated they are of Anglican faith. This provides me with the opportunity to minister to people in many different circumstances. It is through this unique contact that I am able to offer spiritual support to patients, their families and the hospital staff.

The staff of the hospital continues to be welcoming and a good rapport has developed. I am supported by Jenny Ireland as she continues in her role as visitor. Her friendly face and compassionate words are welcome and appreciated by many people.

Revd David Hunter's presence at the Rehab Unit has been greatly missed and he has not been replaced. Revd Shaji Joseph has supported ministry at the hospital and been available with other clergy to be on call as the emergency contact. I appreciate all who assist in this way.

Completing a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education has increased my understanding and ability to provide support for people in many different situations. By reflecting on my ministry, didactics and sharing with other people in similar ministries, I have become more competent in my role as chaplain. I am grateful to Revd Geoff Gray who was the supervisor for the unit and has continued to be my mentor.

The ecumenical chaplaincy team have continued to work together in many capacities. We have continued to assist the Palliative Care Team for regular memorial services. These services have provided an opportunity to reconnect with families we have come to know closely. A special service was held at Biribie last November, for residents and staff members as they grieved for family and friends who had died during the year.

The chaplaincy team hold quarterly memorial services at Nerimbera Gardens for families who have lost a baby in early pregnancy. A site in the gardens has been set aside for these families to meet, sit and reflect.

The annual singing of Christmas Carols in each of the wards was once again warmly received and was followed by a time of fellowship. Over 20 people from many denominations joined in this annual festive event.

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has supported and prayed for the ministry of chaplaincy at the hospital.

Beryl Andersen
M: 0409 272 064

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CHAPLAINCY TO
CAPRICORNIA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

"I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)

The ministry to the Correctional Centre continues with an interdenominational team ministering to the Centre, which comes under the umbrella of the State Chaplaincy Board. The rostered Anglican day is Monday (except on public holidays).

With the nature of my Ministry to the Centre, I cannot say much BUT there have been MANY *wonderful experiences* for both myself and the *inmates*. *When* you see faces light up when we arrive and overhear comments like "Thank God for the Chaplains", it makes me feel very proud of the work we continue to do for the inmates.

We continue with Sunday worship on the 2nd Sunday of the month when we carry out 3 services for the day which is well attended. There continues to be a large number of transfers from other centres *throughout* the State to the *Centre* here *in* Rockhampton. *Care packages were* distributed to all inmates before Christmas which was greatly appreciated by them all. This was carried out in conjunction with all other denominations.

March is the time for the in- service training for Chaplains held in Brisbane which is attended by Chaplains all over the state, with this being my second attendance. It is great to be able to talk to others and know what they encounter is the same everywhere. The guidance and help given by those in charge is greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

Errol Doyle
Anglican Chaplain for the Correctional Centre.

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KERSHAW HOUSE



Photo from Kershaw House web page, designed by Kathy Thompson

Kershaw House has been running consistently over the past year under the direction of Liz Taylor – Marketing & Functions Manager, who reports directly to the Diocesan Business Manager/Registrar. Although the Treasurer's report will show that Kershaw House has not shown a favourable return for the last year, we are very excited for the plans for the 2011 year.

Our weekend functions are already proving a great success for this year with over 40 functions booked on Saturdays alone. The management team is focusing heavily this year on the corporate market and getting the mid-week conferencing bookings to escalate. This has already proven to be a profitable area to market. We are enjoying hearing from new business as well as our regulars and being able to provide our conferencing services to not only local business, but also to interstate customers as well.

With thanks to Ralph Atchison the gardens at Kershaw House are now looking better than ever after the floods in January, and there are a lot of new enquiries for wedding ceremonies to take advantage of the gardens.

With the introduction of new information packs for both conferencing and wedding functions, and updated menus from our chef who has been with us for nearly 12 months, we are seeing a renewed interest in what we have to offer.

We are also taking a strong focus on working together with other local businesses to enhance our product with very little expense, which will in turn increase our word of mouth advertising and access to us by new customers. Research has shown us even with the increasing number of bookings being received for the year we still have plenty of room to grow, as there is still a wide population of the community that are still unaware of what Kershaw House has to offer. The management of the Function Centre would also like to thank all of the staff in the Registry office for their continual support in the daily operations.

Michelle Hendersen
Chef/Marketing & Function Co-ordinator 2iC

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GFS AUSTRALIA INC

Diocesan Structure:

GFS in Rockhampton Diocese has a small executive with a Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer. Cheryl Russell will complete her term as the Coordinator and hand over to Jacqui Keily (All Saints) in 2011. The executive (and other adult members) meet together four times a year at "Gathering" days.

At a national level GFS has recently moved from being a company limited to an incorporated body, hence the name change.

Highlights of the Year:

- a strong prayer direction for GFS at diocesan, national and global levels through a Diocesan Prayer Diary;
- the continuation of two branches, a children's group within All Saints Community and an adult Rockhampton group;
- a strong ministry to the 45 adult members with an annual luncheon, regular contact and the dissemination of GFS information from world to diocesan level;
- the Ministry Fellowship weekend held at Cool Waters to encourage leadership and reflection on our Lord's call to ministry;
- attendance at the GFS Mid-term Conference in Brisbane (June 2010) which had a focus on working through the proposed changes to the national structure. There was also opportunity to share in presentations of other similar ministries, not only within the Anglican church.
- Through fundraising and a substantial gift from All Saints GFS, continued support to the two GFS World Projects – the Children's Ministry project in Papua New Guinea (providing a three year Sunday School resource based on the PNG lectionary and training Sunday School teachers to use the resource) and the Korean project which supports refugee women from North Korea. The PNG Project has been completed in Port Moresby and Popondota dioceses and GFS Australia has now been invited to take the program to Aipo Rongo diocese in September 2011.
- A continued strong representation from Rockhampton Diocese on the GFS National Executive which enables up to date information to be supplied to diocesan members.

Challenges:

- The continuing concern at the ageing of members and the inability to expand the GFS ministry.
- The perceived inability of many parishes (nationally as well as within the diocese) to provide a ministry to children.
- The realisation that GFS must consider change to address the needs of society.
- The continued growth of GFS in many developing countries around the world and the inability of western countries to offer the expected support.

Future Highlights:

- Pam Guy and Val Gribble will attend the World Council of GFS in Ireland in June 2011. Val has been chairing a World Communications Working Party and will lead major discussions on changes to the World structure of GFS. 42 Australians are attending. The Solomon Islands will apply for membership of the world body and with generous gifts from around the world a representative will attend the council meeting.

CHERYL RUSSELL
Co-ordinator, 2010

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MISSION TO SEAFARERS



It gives me much pleasure in being able to report on the work and ministry of the Mission to Seafarers for the past year. I believe ministries such as the Mission to Seafarers are amongst the front line of what the Church should be about; seafarers represent a scattered and diverse 'parish', but being out there also involves risk to some extent. One of the things the report shows this year is that running a large seafarers centre building and buses every day (and night) of the year can expose us to those times when things will go wrong, but we keep going because it is a privilege to be involved in the life of the seafarer, and to be able to put a human face on the gospel on a daily basis.

2010 started off much like it ended; wet. The driving rain experienced in January caused some major damage to the Mission building from extensive water leaks. It meant the first of a number of insurance claims through the Diocese and getting to know our Diocesan Registrar probably more than he wanted to know us! Unfortunately another insurance claim quickly followed in February after one of the Mission buses was damaged in an accident at a wharf. However it was towards the end of the year that the Mission was hit hard by the break-in and theft of some thousands of dollars, an act that was most distressing because, due to the manner of the break-in, appeared to be done by one of our own. Obviously, since this occurrence day to day procedures have been changed to greatly minimise the risk of such an event occurring again.

In March a number of us attended a workshop at the Brisbane Seafarers Centre on the UN Maritime Labour Convention and its' expected impact on the life of the seafarer. It is expected that the MLC will be ratified worldwide once the required minimum number of countries sign up. This convention specifically focuses on the 'well being' of the seafarer and seeks to address long standing injustices in the shipping industry. For us a local outcome is the establishment of a Gladstone Port Welfare Committee which brings industry groups together to help the seafarer.

In 2010, 12,547 seafarers visited the Mission Centre, an increase of just over 8% from the previous year. There were 1,417 ships through the port of Gladstone, representing approximately 28,000 seafarers. We are helping about 44% of total crew that visit the port annually. I would like to highlight the important role of ship visiting to reach out to those crew who are unable to come ashore, and I am hopeful

we can put extra focus into this type ministry. Because of the high administration workload I have felt a restraint on the contribution I personally can make to ship visiting.

Over 430 Bibles and New Testaments, and over 350 Jesus dvd's have been freely given away. As well as this we were able to help numerous crew contact home either by phone or internet and take hundreds of crew to the local shops. I am pleased with the fact the Mission was quick to respond with pastoral care during several incidents, both minor and major, that occurred in the port. These included looking after the crew of 'Shen Neng 1' and particularly the Chief Officer after the ship grounding incident, visiting a number of seafarers in the Mater Hospital, and being there with support for those facing difficult or sad news from home. I encourage you to look at the Australian MtS website at www.mts.org.au to see how we fit into the wider picture of seafarers' ministry and to see our work is not unique to Gladstone.

I would like to sincerely thank the many dedicated volunteers who keep us going every day of the year. Whatever they do is most appreciated, and I don't believe there are any insignificant jobs or time contributed. Every little bit helps even though it may seem like it's not worth mentioning. I would also like to thank the many parishes throughout the Diocese that support us through donations, prayer, books, clothing and beanies for the seafarers. It is very evident to me that we have much to thank God for, and we have seen God work through us in countless lives that reach literally right across the world. The 'flying angel' symbol of the Mission is taken from the verses in Rev 14:6; "Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth - to every nation, tribe, language and people." As we keep going, I trust we at MtS remember this is why we are here.

May God bless you.
Trevor Phillips



Burmese Christians & Trevor - 'MV Hanjin Haypoint'



Shirley ship visiting



Kerry & Cadet on bridge



Looking at family photos



Noel & Maureen with 'MV Shen Neng 1' C/O



Free clothing for seafarers

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MOTHERS' UNION AUSTRALIA PART OF THE WORLDWIDE MOTHERS' UNION

On the 28th August this year it will be 100 years since MU began in our Diocese: at Blackall on 28/8/1911. To celebrate this wonderful occasion, we have a planning committee working on the arrangements. The Celebration will be held on Sunday 25th September with a Service in the Cathedral followed by lunch in St Luke's Hall. Our members take an active part in the life of their various parishes and assist in many and various ways. We all provide Simnel Cake for Mothering Sunday during Lent. We support the Women's Shelter by way of toiletry bags for the ladies who come there and soft furnishings to take with them when they leave to set up a new home.

During the year we have a Quiet Day, Lady Day (25th March) where new members are admitted and long-standing members recognised. This year, two 91-year old ladies will be travelling to be with us to collect their 50-year badges and certificates. We celebrate the life of our Founder, Mary Sumner, on 9th August. The Wave of Prayer in our part of the world occurs at this time (6th – 10th August). Our links are with Sodar and Man in the British Isles (York), Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies, and Akure and Ekiti West in Nigeria. We also partly sponsor the Lay Retreat in November.

We strongly support our Overseas and Northern Outreach Department.

We have a PEP Programme (Parenting Education) in place in Rockhampton. Bev and Graham Jarvis are the trained leaders.

Our numbers are small and we are all ageing. New members would be very welcome.

Lurline Jones
Diocesan President

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**SAINT MARY'S SENIOR CITIZENS VILLAGE
MOUNT MORGAN**

It is my pleasure to present this, my last report as Hon. President of the village committee and I look forward to taking on the role of Hon. Secretary in March.

Thank you to our Secretary Jan Hart and our Maintenance Manager Sid Hart who have served this Committee in their respective positions for over 12 years with dedication and great empathy towards tenants and fellow committee members. It was my pleasure on behalf of the Committee to present them with a chiming wall clock at the December 2010 meeting as a small token of our appreciation.

Nine of the ten units are currently occupied and the committee have been fortunate to have only one unit vacant for the past six months. Unfortunately one of the long term tenants vacated in June leaving the unit and contents in need of repair this resulting in a review of the current tenancy terms and conditions.

Originally all ten units have been furnished with tenants supplying their own small kitchen appliances however it was decided by the Committee to leave one unit partly unfurnished as a trial to cater for any tenant who may wish to bring their own essential furniture.

There were no major expenses or repairs this year apart from the usual including insurance, auditor fees, rates, water, electricity, advertising, general repairs, water recycling contract, mowing and filter maintenance.

Thank you to our Hon. Treasurer who has worked diligently in his first year in this position to reduce overheads, invest wisely and most importantly impressed the auditors with his "good standard" of accounting for auditing purposes.

Rent is currently \$160 per fortnight which after the tenants receive rent assistance makes it very affordable accommodation. While there is no under cover parking provided, the units are situated in close proximity to the shopping centre and health facilities.

Tenancy is currently three ladies and six gentlemen. The majority of tenants appear to be happy with their accommodation and have a good repour with each other, the executive and the maintenance manager.

The committee is extremely grateful to Gordon Strickland for all his advice and assistance in dealing with an unexpected and minor tenancy issue this year.

Saint Mary's Senior Citizens Village continues to provide affordable, comfortable, secure accommodation for seniors and I am sure that the new executive, maintenance manager and all committee members will continue to work together for the benefit of the tenants once again this year.

Rhonda Ramm
Hon President

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ST MATTHEWS COTTAGE COMMITTEE

St Matthews Cottages



Est. 1966

St Matthew's Cottages is a residential group of cottages for Seniors, consisting of 18 units for single persons and 22 cottages for married couples, and a three bedroom residence which is currently rented to the Parish Of North Rockhampton. The cottages are made available to married couples where possible, however if there are no married couples available, these are then let to single persons. The group of residences is located at 54 Macalister Street, Park Avenue, North Rockhampton. People seeking to become residents are required to make a formal application for a license to occupy a cottage to the Committee. Once they are accepted they then make a small donation to occupy the cottage and pay a minimum fortnightly rent from the time they take over the cottage.

In 2010, Trevor Wright, who managed the Cottages with a Committee by his side, resigned as caretaker. Trevor remained as a Committee member with a new Committee formed to take over financial administration and ongoing maintenance, along with all the general business necessary to keep this complex in an excellent financial position for the future.

During the year of 2010 a new Constitution was drawn up by and accepted by the new Committee. Once this was accepted further documents were prepared which include an 'Expression of Interest for a License to Occupy' a cottage, and a 'License to Occupy' a cottage. These have all been approved by the Management Committee, and are currently being used for all new applicants. A further document is being drafted which will stipulate the By Laws for the Cottages, and we look forward to this being ready soon. The Management Committee express heartfelt thanks for the expertise and many hours of work that the Diocesan Deputy Chancellor, Mrs Margot Purcell, has given to ensuring we got the legal stuff right.

From the time that the new Management Committee took over, the complex and residences have been kept in excellent condition. We think that the St Matthew's Cottages are in a good financial position, and plan to keep this complex running for

the rest of time. All residents appear to be more than happy with the new Committee and the way the complex is being financially maintained and kept.

On the 2nd March the St Matthew's Cottages Association held its Annual General Meeting and a new Management Committee was elected consisting of the following:

President –	Mr Wayne Urquhart
Vice-President –	Mrs Kath Hindley
Secretary –	Mrs Lillias Jensen
Treasurer –	Mr Lloyd Dunlop
Committee Members:	Mrs Cheryl Urquhart, Mr Glen Nelson, Mrs Shirley Shepherd, Mr Roy Sollis, Mrs June Lambeth, Mrs Judy Frew, Mrs Joan Hunt
Ex-officio:	Bishop Godfrey Fryar, Mr Gordon Strickland
Bishop in Council Appointees:	The Revd Canon Cameron Venables, Mrs Lillias Jensen

Report Prepared by
Mr. Wayne Urquhart
President

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TANYALLA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



Thanks to our Board, our Managers and our Volunteer Helpers, Tanyalla is looking "good". We have been able to keep up almost the same bed nights as the previous year.

Room Sponsorships are still trickling in and we have set up an Honour Board to acknowledge these persons or groups. We are at present producing a new and most interesting brochure for advertisement.

Sadly, we missed out on the Federal Government grant and await the decisions of the Gladstone Infrastructure money before we can think about Hall Refurbishment, Workshop and Storage Shed.

Room refurbishment is ongoing and Block 2 is almost completed with ceilings, wardrobes, lino and painting. Verandahs have been painted with special water based paint so they do not have to be continually oiled.

Barbecue area has an extra shade-cloth shelter and we have purchased 100 new polypropylene chairs and new overhead fans for the Dining Room. The Kitchen has been audited for the new Food Safety Licence of the new Food Act and we have replaced the floor covering to the required standard.

December 2009 we purchased a new 3 door refrigerator, which is well used.

The Outdoor Chapel area has new bench seating, in addition to a Gerni and Weed Trimmer.

One Shower Block has been repaired and repainted externally.

We are most appreciative of the extra hours our Managers, David and Jenny Wilson, devote to the Centre to make it a pleasure for those who utilise it. As well as Schools, Groups and Sports Teams, we have many more Families using our facility and we believe that this is the true outreach of our Church into the Community.

Beryl Beale
Board Member